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THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT
Arouses Fresh Interest in the Senatorial
Question.
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., Sept. 27.—
The visit of Governor A. J. Montague
here on the last day of the fair week,
and the agreement between Congressman
W. A. Jones and his Republican opponent
in this district, Malcolm A. Colles, to en-
gage in joint discussion, have influenced
the political situation to some extent. It
is believed large crowds will assemble
wherever they speak.
Governor Montague's visit has revived
talk about his opposing Senator Martin,
when the latter gentleman's election
comes up again. The Governor met all of
the leaders here and many friends from
the surrounding counties. He has visited
here a number of times, and is personally
known to and popular with a great many
people. Senator Martin has made friends
by his prompt attention to any public
business in which this section is con-
cerned, but has never visited here on
any public occasion, and is personally
known only to the leaders.
If they oppose each other both men
will have a good following.

REUNION OF OLD MU SIG
Interesting Exercises Held at College
Last Night—Well Known Visitors.
The reunion of the Mu Sigma Rho Lit-
erary Society of Richmond College oc-
curred last night. A large attendance
and good speeches marked the exercises.
The order of the occasion was Mr. Lane
Lucy, who won the joint senior medal
last session. Other speakers were Dr. J.
William Jones, of Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mr.
Joe Taylor, Rev. M. Ashley Jones, Pro-
fessor Mitchell, President Boatwright,
Professor Harris and Mr. S. T. Mathews.
Following these exercises refreshments
were served. All heartily enjoyed the
evening.

GRAND OPERA LAST NIGHT
Principals Sang Well, but Chorus Was
Not a Strong One.
The Gordon-Shay Opera Company con-
cluded its engagement here yesterday,
presenting "Il Trovatore" at the matinee,
and "Carmen" at night. The latter opera
was splendidly rendered by the principals,
but the chorus was not large enough or
strong enough to do effective work. Miss
Shay appears to better advantage in Car-
men than in anything else she has done
here. Achille Alberti was the Escamillo,
and Mr. Joseph Fredericks was the tenor.
The work of both was excellent.
Governor and Mrs. Montague were
among the brilliant audience that heard
the opera sung.

BRAKEMAN KILLED
John Graves, Colored, Had a Foot
Caught in Switch Frog.
John Graves, a colored brakeman of the
Atlantic Coast Line, who left here yester-
day morning at 4 o'clock, was killed by
his own train at Enfield, N. C., yester-
day afternoon about 5 o'clock.
Graves got his foot caught between two
rails closing together at a switch, com-
monly called the frog, and was run over
by his train before he could extricate
himself. He was badly crushed. The
home of the unfortunate trainman was
at Jarratt and his body was brought
back here last night for burial.

KNEW HOW
To Stay at Post While Others Got Sick
How a trained nurse keeps up strength
and properly selected food is worth know-
ing. The experience of Mrs. Charlotte
Frank, of Covington, Ky., is probably
familiar to many. She says:
"I am a professional nurse and most
of my time is spent in the sick room. Last
spring I attended a very serious case and
after ten weeks of application I was in
such a condition that I could neither
eat nor sleep, being too much worried
after tending in bed one night for three
hours without being able to sleep I hap-
pened to think of Grape-Nuts and the
food it had done a number of my pa-
tients.
I got up and ate half a cup of the food
and about that much milk and returned
to bed and slept five hours, and when
awoke I felt fresh and strong again.
The continued use of Grape-Nuts en-
abled me to stay at my post while others
got sick.
I have a son eighteen years old, he is
six feet and one inch tall. He was so
thin that the doctors and myself thought
he had consumption. I commenced giv-
ing him Grape-Nuts every day and he
gained rapidly in weight and now is
healthy and strong.
A family in Cincinnati on my advice
gave Grape-Nuts to a sick child whom
the doctor could help. The girl is now
well and strong. Another father had the
same experience with his youngest child
and he is loud in the praise of Grape-
Nuts.
One of my former patients who went
to England, had a little child that suf-
fered four years with stomach trouble.
Last May the mother and child came
back home, both sick. I advised them
that I thought best. The child, now five
years old, ate Grape-Nuts three times a
day and the mother once a day. When
they went back to England in September
they were in the best of health and took
with them upon the steamer fourteen
boxes of Grape-Nuts, their only fear was
that they might not be able to get it in
England. The mother wrote me after-
ward that she had not been so seasick
this time as was the case before."

**TO MAKE RICHMOND
MORE BEAUTIFUL**
The Practical and Financial
Phases of the Problem.
SUGGESTIONS OF MUCH VALUE
Mr. Robert Whittet, Sr., Mr. S. S. P.
Patterson, and Mr. Ashton Starke
Kindly Contribute to The Times
Valuable Papers on Subject

The communications printed in The
Times of last Sunday, bearing upon the
question of how to make Richmond beau-
tiful, were received with many expres-
sions of interest on the part of the read-
ers of the paper. This or that suggestion
has been commented upon with favor or
criticism as the remedies for a condi-
tion, which all recognize, have met with
or failed of approval.
Following up this discussion, The Times
has invited a few expressions from well
known citizens upon the practical phases
of the problem, the question as to where
the money for betterments of this charac-
ter may be secured, and what municipal
machinery would be best adapted to in-
sure for its expenditure the largest re-
sults.
The well considered and carefully pre-
pared communications of Mr. Robert
Whittet, Sr., Mr. S. S. P. Patterson and
Mr. Ashton Starke upon the subject are
papers of large value and interest.

**NOT NECESSARY TO
RAISE ASSESSMENT**

To the Editor of The Times:
Sir,—As requested, I write briefly to
say that I do not believe that it is ne-
cessary to raise the assessment for
street improvements in order that we may
have better streets. Of course, the
streets could be more rapidly improved
with larger appropriations for that pur-
pose. But it does not seem to me that
only be looked for in that direction.
The chief trouble up to the present
year, and this has been the case for
many years, is that the general appropria-
tion for streets has been divided by
wards and the money was in that way
not used to the best advantage.
Some person or board should be vested
with authority to spend the money on the
most traveled streets without regard to
ward lines. A particular street, or a
greatly traveled part of it, should be
selected and paved, and this street or
section should be finished before work
is begun elsewhere.
Almost all kinds of pavement have
been tried and are in use in the city ex-
cept the paving of wood. The city has
been long since overgrown with macadam-
ized streets and yet we have numbers of
them, none of which are as good as the
Brook Turnpike, or any other turnpike,
because of the heavy traffic which passes
over them and cuts into the surface and
makes them worse than country roads.
Any bicycle rider would prefer to ride
on the Brook Turnpike to any macadam-
ized street in the city.
If the city is unable to pave but one
street, or even a part of it, a year, this
one street, or part selected, should be
paved thoroughly and permanently in
the best style of the art of paving.
Then the next one paved should be the
next most used street. Hereafter, as
the money was scattered by wards and
not used in the construction of pave-
ments where they were most needed and
the roadways were most used, the city
did not derive the best results from the
appropriation for streets. The present
system is much better, as the results
will doubtless show. Some of the streets
are fixed only in a temporary way. The
pavements should be the best and most
durable that can be constructed by the
ingenuity of man on all the thorough-
fares, and wherever pavements are
needed.
Street cleaning can doubtless be greatly
improved also, but if the streets were
better paved it would be easier to keep
them clean. At this time it does not
seem probable that the people would be
willing to have themselves taxed for street
cleaning, but it is possible that
it would be practicable to increase the
tax for that purpose if they could actu-
ally see better streets made with the
present revenues.
Respectfully,
S. S. P. PATTERSON.

**PRESENT SYSTEM IS
VERY UNSATISFACTORY**

Editor of The Times:
Sir,—I am pleased that you have in-
cluded the question of how "Rich-
mond can be beautified," and that you
have appealed to the people for sug-
gestions.
Fact is, there seems to be somebody
connected with your paper who of late
has taken an exceptional interest in the
every day practical concerns of the city.
Many of the suggestions made by those
who have written upon the subject in
hand meet my full approval, and there
are others not so easily accepted. For
instance, I cannot just at this moment
give my consent to shade and orna-
mental trees along the adjute and
business portions of Main (I wish we
would change the name) and Broad
Streets for many reasons.
It is remarkable to say the least, after
all of these years, and all the money
spent, that so far as the city's work
is concerned, we cannot point to a sin-
gle one of our streets with any degree
of pride.
Suggestions of course come easily, but
the underlying question is: How are we
to start about the realization of those
things which occur to us?
Never will we accomplish anything
worthy of us, or make a single step per-
haps in the right direction, so long as
the City Council works through a Street
Committee as this committee is now con-
stituted, and with the system preva-
lent. Right here the start must be made.
For the work of this committee drifts
nearly altogether to individual aggran-
dizement and as little as possible to
general street improvement. Just so
long as the citizens of Richmond are
content to see this sort of thing go on
and cannot be aroused to this active
interest in the city's affairs which will
cause the people as a whole to make
demands of their servants in the Council,
we will have no better condition than
now exists.
If a million of dollars were appropri-
ated to-morrow for street improvement
generally it is difficult to guess the
play and the actors?
Some ten or twelve years ago a fence
was taken down around Monroe Park.
Along the Franklin Street side a dirt
space of about four feet wide was left
between a hedge and the ragged edge
of a duck pond sidewalk. That street
would be a disgrace to a bankrupt vil-

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lage, and why some one has not been
injured in walking over it is hard to
say.
Recently I overheard a lady visitor to
our city, ask her companion if she did
not think they would do better in
the middle of the driveway as they
trudged along this street, a rain falling
at the time.
What is the trouble here? Simply, there
are no voters owning property fronting
on that street. I use this as an illus-
tration because it is the city's own
property, and it is not at all difficult
to refer to many another such where the
same sort of influence bears sway.
We can hardly blame the councilmen.
Human nature is the same the world
over, but we must strike at the root
of the matter if anything is to be ac-
complished. Never will suggestions pave
a street; a positive demand of the City
Council, at the hands of the people is
our only hope.
And now further, if freight wagons are
to be allowed to use these residential
streets as ordinary highways, as is now
the case, why need we worry about these
improvements?
Scheme for the present at least, yet it
I am opposed to the Carnegie Library
would be wise to spend the money on
some such ornament that cannot be run
over and torn up as soon as finished.
If dogs and their kind, are to be al-
lowed to run at large, and when a
few worthless curs, and for my part "lap
dogs," are taken to the pound the imprac-
ticable sentimentalists are to be listened
to, why need the people take down un-
sightly fences and spend their time and
money beautifying their front yards?
Having said as much, even I will dare
make a suggestion. Suppose we have
the City Engineer make a report to the
people through the Council; said report to
be published, getting forth from his stand-
point, what streets and what character
of improvements, in the order of their
importance, the city should strive to
spend money on. Put the people in touch
with this matter, and if the work is
not taken up as recommended by the
Engineer, let us ascertain the reasons.
A question in a practical way.
ASHTON STARKE.
Richmond, Va., September 25.

**MR. WHITTET, SR., OFFERS
VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS**

To the Editor of The Times:
Dear Sir,—You have had some inter-
esting suggestions in your columns
concerning the beautifying of our city, which
have been read with pleasure, and no
doubt will have a good influence towards
improvement. At your solicitation per-
mit me to add a word or two.
It is my opinion that the city too apt
to look to our city authorities with no
little measure of blame, while we can
scarcely expect them—being of us
and from us—to see better after the public
property placed in their care than the
private property of the individual. The
property they have in their own pos-
session—their homes. Our people have
been apparently so long habituated to
indifferent surroundings that they dis-
play no desire after better, and our
builders and architects the one from
self-interest, and the other in obedience
to orders—are perpetuating a compressed
style of building, which allows of no
display of taste beyond bricks and stone.
On our best residence streets the dwell-
ings, though handsome and expensive,
are crowded upon narrow lots, that evi-
dence a parsimonious limitation in re-
gard to site, and affords a supposition
of neither air, nor light, nor comfort, all
which ought to mark a genteel home. A
walk over Grace and Franklin Streets
will prove this. Even where one is re-
sessed of a large lot it seems to be the
unvarying custom to erect a house on a
corner, with the evident purpose of hold-
ing the balance for a rising market. An
instance of this lack of appreciation of
roomy elegance may be seen in the pa-
listal residence erected by the late
Major Ginter on West Franklin Street,
where there was a fine large lot, and no
sunt of means to lay it out and support
it; yet the building was placed at a
corner, and the narrow lot, and the
ground left untouched, and at last it has
been sold out.
This narrowness of conception of our
people in regard to their home life is
a take to be the greatest hindrance to
the beautifying of our city.
But even the little front yards that have
been retained are in so many in-
stances uncared for that a general air
of untidiness is imparted to a whole dis-
trict, and hence indifferently kept roads
and streets are only a reflection of the
well-worn cracks in the sidewalks.
The untidiness and flowerless lots of
the residences. It may be, therefore, a
problem whether the people, who are
satisfied with the one, would care to be
taxed to attain even so great a privilege
as better streets. It would surely be
for their comfort that they should.
It may be said that land is costly. So
it is, but not more so in Richmond than
in other large cities, and by contrast
with the cost of the city's work, it is
favorably. Besides, our citizens who are
able to build and occupy fine houses may
be assumed to be quite able to invest a
little more for the sake of greater social
elegance. The fine houses they have
erected indicate that it is rather the
taste than the ability which is lacking.
By all means, by bonds, assessment,
or otherwise, our city should possess all
the amenities of higher civilization—
streets well paved and clean, good water,
and a free library. These are necessities
of modern city life, and without them
Richmond must take a back seat among
her civic sisters. But to attain them it
will be needful that the people in some
way express a desire for them, and while
going so it might be well to say that
they would desire improvements to be
done in no slipshod manner, but sub-
stantially, and the money laid out judi-
cially, where it is most needed, and not
at the expense of the ward politician that
it is expended in his own ward, or ap-

portioned to area, irrespective of neces-
sity. In this matter of substantial work-
manship I think that the engineering
department should bear a little blame. It
may be noticed how soon after being laid
down a street gets back into disrepair,
indicating that the causeway had been
laid upon a soft substratum. A layer of
concrete would have added to the ex-
pense, but it would have kept the street
in good order, and be more economical
in the end.
If city improvements are to be con-
sidered necessary, it is a foregone con-
clusion that they will cost money, and
that the community must be prepared
to bear the burden; at the same time, if
it be apparent that the outlay is honestly
and judiciously made, the community
counts to any in office who may "hold
the situation," I believe that the tax-
payers will agree to bear the burden,
and the improvements once enjoyed, they
will forget the bills and be satisfied.
ROBERT WHITTET, SR.

GIFT TO COLLEGE

Bust of Late James Thomas Presented
to Museum.
Dr. C. H. Nyland, curator of the Mu-
seum of Richmond College, received a few
days ago, by note from Mr. William D.
Thomas, the gift of a life-size bust of
the late James Thomas, of this city.
At the death of Mr. James Thomas the
bust fell to Professor Thomas and is now
transferred to the Thomas Memorial Hall
at his request. The bust is of the pure
white marble, mounted upon a suitable
pedestal of the same, the whole being the
work of Richmond's greatest sculptor,
Edward V. Valentine, who finished it
from the death mask, which he made im-
mediately upon the death of Mr. Thomas.
It is exact in every line and sculptured
with perfect art. Mr. Thomas employed
competent men to move and place the
treasure in position. It occupies a
place just under the full length portrait
of Mr. Thomas, painted in Italy, facing
the door leading into the hall.
The college greatly appreciates Mrs.
Thomas' generous act and the hall is
enriched by art treasures which repre-
sent and will transmit to posterity the
achievements of one whose name is linked
with the college as a wise friend and
generous benefactor.

**REGISTRATION AS
IT PROGRESSES**

Only a Few Days Left—Madison
Ward Finishes
Up.

The registration for to-morrow will be
conducted at the following places:
Clay Ward, No. 421 South Pine Street.
Lee Ward, Harrison and Broad Streets.
Jackson Ward, No. 62½ Brook Avenue.
Jefferson Ward, Twenty-first between
Board and Marshall Streets.
Magison Ward, No. 208 East Canal
Street.
Marshall Ward, No. 2802 East Board
Street.
The registration in Madison Ward was
completed yesterday and the books will
be written up and turned over to the
Hustings Court to-day.
This ward being a small one, consumed
only twelve days. The other boards will
slip for fifteen days. In Madison Ward
figures were not obtainable last night,
but the registration is considered pretty
fair. In Jackson no figures were given
out.
Neither could any be gotten from Clay.
The others for the day showed up as fol-
lows:
Jefferson, total for the ward up to date,
seven hundred and sixty-eight, of which
thirty-one were colored.
Lee up to date, nine hundred and
seventy-nine white, seventy-one colored,
ninety-one colored.
Marshall, one thousand, one hundred
and eighty-two white, eighty-two colored.
Chairman James B. Doherty, of the City
Democratic Committee, has issued a final
and stirring appeal to all white voters to
turn out and register before the end of
the sittings of the various boards.
Mr. Doherty's letter is as follows:
To the Democratic voters of Richmond:
As chairman of the City Democratic
Committee I make this final appeal to
those who have not registered, to register
at once.
The registration in the city will close
Wednesday, October 1st at 9 o'clock P.
M., and those who fail to get on the
books by that time cannot vote at the
November election, nor can they be re-
gistered until October, 1903.
Do not allow fear of an impossible ex-
amination deter you, for as we said in
former appeals, it is hardly any man
who cannot successfully pass his
examination under the understanding
clause.
Do your duty as Democrats and good
citizens, register, and register at once.
Very truly yours,
JAMES B. DOHERTY,
Chairman City Democratic Committee.
The Lee Ward Democratic Committee
have issued the following call to arms:
Have you registered? Do you realize
that by failing to do so, you will be
debarred from voting? There is no rea-
son why any man, with ordinary com-
mon sense, should not be able to register.
Are you a Confederate or Spanish
War veteran?
1. Was your father a Confederate veter-
an?
If so, that's enough.
2. If not, did you pay as much as \$1
in State taxes last year, on real or per-
sonal property?
If none of these, can you understand
plain simple English?
Any one of these four entitles you to
register.
Do you value your citizenship? Then
why don't you register? There is no
reason why every white man should not
be registered, for we are informed that
out of nearly 1,000 white men, who have
already applied for registration in Lee
Ward, not one has been denied registra-
tion.
We respectfully urge your prompt
attention to this important duty.
The following has been issued by the
Tucknolee Board of Henrico county:
The Board of Registrars for Tucknolee
District, Henrico county, Va., with in ac-
cordance with the provisions of the Con-
stitution adopted by the convention of
190-2 at Staunton's precinct on Sat-
urday, the 11th day of October, at which
time the said board will register qual-
ified voters from any precinct in the dis-
trict.
JNO. T. NUCKOLS,
L. P. MICHAELS,
A. R. HOLDREY, JR.,
Registrars.

Cleveland, Ohio, printers have adopted
a new scale to go into effect November
1st. The new scale calls for a horizontal
raise of \$3 a week over the present
scale.
The greatest attraction of the day is
the beautiful jewelry store of The
Nowlan Company. Travelers pronounce
it the handsomest of its size in this
country.

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**A WARM CAMPAIGN
IN NORTH CAROLINA**

An Old - Time Joint Canvass
Arouses Great Political
Interest.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
KALAMITH, N. C., Sept. 27.—An im-
mense crowd of people heard the joint
discussion here to-night between United
States Senator Pritchard and Locke
Board, published a rule they had adopted,
that henceforth while examining any ap-
plicant under the understanding clause,
all other persons must leave the room,
and acting on this in such cases, they
closed the doors during such examination.
Of course this made the registration se-
cret.
At Glade Spring the same rule was ap-
plied. At Craie's Mills, one of the
strongest Republican precincts of the
county, the total registration was one
hundred and fifty-two, all white. Of these
twenty-eight are Republicans, and one
hundred and twenty-four are Democrats.
The total lacks seventy-five of reaching
the old registration list.

NORFOLK COUNTY

Thousands of Names on Old Books
Will Not Appear.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, Va., September 27.—Regis-
tration is progressing slowly in Norfolk
county, but the indications are that re-
sults will be had from two evils which
have prevailed, namely: that thousands
of names carried on the old books will be
absent from the new books. These were
names of the absent and dead, and that
the ignorant and vicious, especially
among the negroes, will not be enrolled
under the new Constitutional tests. The
record of the new registration, as far as
it has been finished, is as follows:

White	Black
Deep Creek	153
Glebe Precinct	191
Pleasant Grove	247
Total	591

Here is the Democratic and Republican
vote cast at these precincts last Novem-
ber:
Montague, Hogo.
Deep Creek 153
Pleasant Grove 251
Glebe 256
Total 660
The comparison shows that the present
white registration in the precincts that
are given is but 53 less than the Demo-
cratic vote last November, while the col-
ored registration is 75 less than the Re-
publican vote cast at the same precincts
in the same election. The registration
shows that a new era is dawning for
Norfolk county.
Of the two precincts in the Pleasant
Grove district, the registration is as fol-
lows:
Bethel—153 whites, 49 colored.
Bell's Mill—82 whites, 17 colored, making
a total of 237 whites and 66 colored in
the district.
These figures show that about 75 per
cent. of the white men have registered,
against only about 25 per cent. of the col-
ored men. The latter took little interest
in the registration, and those who were
named were put on the books were mostly
veterans or sons of veterans of the Civil
War.

ALL WHITES REGISTERED.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
TWINNIE'S MILL, Va., September 27.
The Registration Board for Locust Dale
District, consisting of C. D. Twyman, J.
R. Graves and C. M. Morris, finished
their second precinct here this evening,
with the following results: Registered
whites, 136; colored, 20. Twenty-nine
total, 71. A larger per cent. of colored
names were registered here than any other
place heard from in the county. Very
little interest was manifested by the
whites, and few turned out. All of the
whites applying were registered, but a
large number of negroes were rejected.

ANTICS OF SHETLAND PONY

He Ran Away, Threw His Mistress Out,
Then Ran Again.
Mrs. N. Loder was thrown from her
vehicle yesterday morning between
Eighth and Ninth Streets on Franklin. A
Shetland pony she was driving ran away,
and after the small horse had unseated
his mistress, he checked his wild career
in a most humiliating way by Mr. Claren-
ce Gilbert, who, seeing the mad steed
coming his way, ran out at the Atham-
bra Hotel and making a flying tackle,
threw the runaway for about five yards
loss. The pony was both surprised and
humiliated at this end to his runaway
scheme, and being set on his feet again,
stood with low-hung head, awaiting a
second opportunity, which was afforded.
Mrs. Loder was not seriously injured,
though she is suffering from the nervous
shock and a sprained ankle.
She was carried into the office of Dr.
Cary Oppenheimer, near the scene of the
accident, and there attended by Dr. W.
T. Oppenheimer. There were two chil-
dren in the cart, but neither was hurt.
The pony's second attempt to run away
was made when Mr. and Mrs. Loder, leav-
ing the doctor's office, started to drive
home. This time he succeeded in driv-
ing into a tree near the pavement and
breaking the cart so that another vehicle
had to be gotten to take the injured
lady to her home.

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PERSONS MUST LEAVE ROOM
This Rule Enforced Particularly When
An Applicant is Being Examined on
Understanding Clause—Advises
Negroes Not to Register.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ABINGDON, Va., Sept. 27.—This last
of the six days of September registration
for North and South Abingdon Precincts
shows a total of four hundred and
eighty-nine whites and twenty-one col-
ored. The old registration of South
Abingdon is not accessible, but the North
Abingdon vote has heretofore amounted
to nearly one thousand, of which about
three hundred and fifty were colored. It
would thus seem that about five-sev-
enths of the vote has been registered,
nearly all of which is white.
The second week of October will be
given these two precincts, but the registra-
tion at that time will probably be small.

One of the colored preachers of Abing-
don has advised the colored people not to
attempt to register, evidently under the
idea that the entire Constitution will be
annulled by the United States Court.
On Wednesday last the Registration
Board published a rule they had adopted,
that henceforth while examining any ap-
plicant under the understanding clause,
all other persons must leave the room,
and acting on this in such cases, they
closed the doors during such examination.
Of course this made the registration se-
cret.
At Glade Spring the same rule was ap-
plied. At Craie's Mills, one of the
strongest Republican precincts of the
county, the total registration was one
hundred and fifty-two, all white. Of these
twenty-eight are Republicans, and one
hundred and twenty-four are Democrats.
The total lacks seventy-five of reaching
the old registration list.

NORFOLK COUNTY

Thousands of Names on Old Books
Will Not Appear.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
NORFOLK, Va., September 27.—Regis-
tration is progressing slowly in Norfolk
county, but the indications are that re-
sults will be had from two evils which
have prevailed, namely: that thousands
of names carried on the old books will be
absent from the new books. These were
names of the absent and dead, and that
the ignorant and vicious, especially
among the negroes, will not be enrolled
under the new Constitutional tests. The
record of the new registration, as far as
it has been finished, is as follows:

White	Black
Deep Creek	153
Glebe Precinct	191
Pleasant Grove	247
Total	591

Here is the Democratic and Republican
vote cast at these precincts last Novem-
ber:
Montague, Hogo.
Deep Creek 153
Pleasant Grove 251
Glebe 256
Total 660
The comparison shows that the present
white registration in the precincts that
are given is but 53 less than the Demo-
cratic vote last November, while the col-
ored registration is 75 less than the Re-
publican vote cast at the same precincts
in the same election. The registration
shows that a new era is dawning for
Norfolk county.
Of the two precincts in the Pleasant
Grove district, the registration is as fol-
lows:
Bethel—153 whites, 49 colored.
Bell's Mill—82 whites, 17 colored, making
a total of 237 whites and 66 colored in
the district.
These figures show that about 75 per
cent. of the white men have registered,
against only about 25 per cent. of the col-
ored men. The latter took little interest
in the registration, and those who were
named were put on the books were mostly
veterans or sons of veterans of the Civil
War.

ALL WHITES REGISTERED.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
TWINNIE'S MILL, Va., September 27.
The Registration Board for Locust Dale
District, consisting of C. D. Twyman, J.
R. Graves and C. M. Morris, finished
their second precinct here this evening,
with the following results: Registered
whites, 136; colored, 20. Twenty-nine
total, 71. A larger per cent. of colored
names were registered here than any other
place heard from in the county. Very
little interest was manifested by the
whites, and few turned out. All of the
whites applying were registered, but a
large number of negroes were rejected.

AT BLACKSBURG.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
BLACKSBURG, Va., September 27.—
The registration in this district shows a
loss of some sixty per cent.
The tally shows as follows: Colored
thirty-eight per cent.; white, fifteen.
Those registered at Blacksburg, 364 whites; 26
colored. Price's Fork, 123 white; 3 col-
ored. Crumpler, 63 white. This will
change elections hereafter in this county.
A great many did not apply for registra-
tion.

Dr. Hoffman Accepts.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
STRASBURG, Va., Sept. 27.—Dr. S. J.
Hoffman has given notice that he will
accept the nomination made by the Re-
publican Congressional Convention of
the Seventh District, at Luray, on Tues-
day, and will become a candidate for
Congress to succeed Hon. James Hay.

Nelson Complete.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LOVINGSTON, September 27.—Regis-
tration of voters under the new consti-
tution has been completed in Nelson
county, showing a total of 1,768 whites, or
about eighty-five per cent.; and 62 col-

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ored., or about seven per cent. of former
vote. These were only estimated, how-
ever—not accurate.
Comparatively few, if any, whites
were turned down; and not so many col-
ored as would appear; as only a small
percentage applied for registration.
Much indifference was displayed by
both whites and colored, but much more
by the latter.

At West Point